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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Shoichi KOYAMA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/664,888)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4258
Filed: September 22, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)	April 8, 2004
CONTROL METHOD FOR IMAGE	:	
FORMING APPARATUS,)	
DEVELOPING APPARATUS, AND	:	
MEMORY MEDIUM)	

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated February 10, 2004.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with

this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2001-318566 and 2001-228698, which are identified in the Search Report, were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 17, 2003. Therefore, these patent documents are not listed on the enclosed citation form. However, corresponding Japanese Patent Abstracts of Japan are listed and copies of these documents also are enclosed.

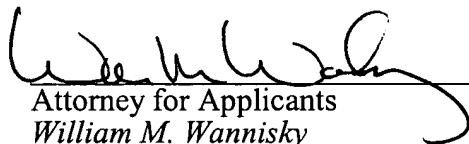
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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